

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested based on the following:

Entry of the present amendment after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116(b) respectfully is requested because the amendment cancels all remaining rejected claims and places the application in condition for allowance.

In the first part of the Office Action, the Examiner withdrew the claim objections described in the prior Office Action. The Examiner also withdrew the rejections of Claims 11-21 in view of applicant's prior amendment. Applicant takes note of these actions.

In the second part of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 22, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Xu *et al.* (EP 1 046 696). In order to speed the prosecution of this application, applicant has canceled Claim 22 without prejudice to prosecuting it in a continuation application.

In the third part of the Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 11-21. Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited. In the fourth part of the Office Action, the Examiner responded to arguments applicant made concerning the patentability of Claim 22. Because Claim 22 has been canceled, it is respectfully submitted that no response in this regard is required.

It is submitted that claims 11 through 21 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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